

DEVELOP BIG LUMBER TRACT

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NEW YORK, September 2.—Further developments are announced in connection with the Virginia and Carolina Coast Railroad enterprise of a syndicate headed by the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, for the purpose of developing a timber tract of more than half a million acres in the North Carolina pine belt.

With regard to the closing of the deal last Friday, whereby the syndicate took over the Suffolk and Carolina Railway, at a price of \$1,500,000, it was stated by representatives of the syndicate that they had acquired the railroad and also acquired the Pamlico, Oriental and Western Railroad. The two roads will be connected by a new line, the merged properties to bear the title of the Virginia and Carolina Coast Railroad.

Running from Suffolk, Va., to Edenton, N. C., an Albemarle Sound, with a branch from Beaufort to Elizabeth City, N. C., the Suffolk and Carolina has a trackage of seventy-five miles. A new lumber road, one hundred and thirty-two miles in length, will be constructed from this line to connect with the newly acquired Pamlico, Oriental and Western, which is now under construction from Newbern, N. C., north to Washington, a distance of thirty-three miles.

It is reported that the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, of which the new interests acquired control last May, may also in time become identified with the Virginia and Carolina Coast road.

AUGUST IN FIGURES.

Story of the Last Month of Summer By the Statistician.

Interesting data collected by the Weather Bureau about the behavior of the August month is given as follows:

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean	Precipitation
1—Clear	76	65	70.5	0.0
2—Partly cloudy	88	69	78.5	0.0
3—Partly cloudy	88	69	78.5	0.0
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5—Partly cloudy	88	69	78.5	0.0
6—Clear	92	69	80.5	0.0
7—Partly cloudy	96	71	83.5	0.0
8—Cloudy	92	70	81.0	1.03
9—Cloudy	92	70	81.0	1.03
10—Partly cloudy	90	72	81.0	0.0
11—Partly cloudy	90	72	81.0	0.0
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30—Partly cloudy	90	72	81.0	0.0
Mean	81.0	66.8	73.8	0.0

Atmospheric Pressure (reduced to sea level inches and hundredths).—Mean, 30.03; highest, 30.23, date, 28th; lowest, 29.75, 21st.

Temperature.—Highest, 91, date, 18th; lowest, 61, date, 18th; greatest daily range, 30, date, 21st; least daily range, 17, date, 18th.

Precipitation.—Total this month, 4.41; rain, 4.0; sleet, 0.0; snow, 0.41.

Wind.—Prevailing direction, South; velocity, 5.5 miles per hour; average hourly velocity, 8.5; maximum velocity (for five minutes), 42 miles per hour, from West, 11.

Other.—Number of clear days, 9; partly cloudy, 19; cloudy, 3; on which 51, less, or more, of precipitation occurred, 11.

Miscellaneous Phenomena (date of occurrence).—Aurora, none; halos, none; lunar, 16th; rain, none; sleet, none; fog, 22nd; thunder, 21st, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th; frost, light, none; heavy, none; killing, none.

MR. HARDY LEAVES.

Goes to Springfield, Mass.

Mr. C. W. Hardy, who has been physical director of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city for the past three years, left on Thursday night to accept the position of physical director in the Springfield, Mass., Association. Mr. Hardy, who is a native of Virginia, reached his highest point of efficiency in the history of the Richmond Association. While Mr. Hardy was a strict disciplinarian on the floor of the gymnasium, he was at the same time a genial and popular with the boys and young men.

The gymnasium Bible class, under his direction, meeting on Sunday afternoon, grew from an average attendance of half a dozen, when he took charge, up to 80, and recently five men, one of the six men in the gymnasium Bible classes in the United States.

A large number of his devoted friends, were at the station Thursday night to bid him good-bye, and as a token of their esteem presented him a purse of gold. He goes to his new field of labor with the best wishes of everybody with whom he came in contact while in Richmond.

BOND ELECTION.

Ricker and Witten Company Decline to Discuss Reported Sale

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MARTINSVILLE, Va., September 2.—The town Council has ordered an election upon the question of an additional issue of \$125,000 bonds to complete the principal electric power and lighting plant, which will be held on the 26th.

The officials of the Ricker and Witten Company have declined to say anything with reference to the reported deal by which it becomes, through purchase by the R. J. Reynolds Company, of Winston, a branch of the American Tobacco Company.

The town council, the commission of the revenue, just returned, show an increase in the valuation of personal property for taxation of \$304,198, and the total is almost double that of a year ago. About \$250,000 of real estate values have been added to the actual value of Martinsville.

FARMERS' NATIONAL CONGRESS.

RICHMOND, VA., SEPTEMBER 12-22, 1905. REDUCED RATES VIA R. F. & P. R. R.

One fare, plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip from all stations to Richmond, Va. Tickets on sale September 10th, 11th and 12th, good returning until September 25th. Inclusive, continuous passage in each direction. Low rate trip tickets will be sold from Richmond to all points in Southeast on September 15th and 16th. Limited to reach Richmond returning until September 22nd. Inclusive. Apply to ticket agents, R. F. & P. R. R.

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Along the Chickahominy.

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PROVIDENCE FORGE, VA., September 2.—Frank Carter, a colored man, was very seriously injured by a falling tree, while cutting logs in the Chickahominy Swamp a few days ago. His shoulders and ankle were badly crushed, and before Dr. Haxall, who was summoned immediately, could arrive, he had lost a great deal of blood.

Plank was engaged in cutting. Fever rock have been taken this season than any previous year, although they have been sorely tempted by modern Waltons.

Game is commencing to show up a little. Squirrels are quite abundant. Mr. "Skeeter" took a close vigil in the swamps that the sportsmen dare not venture about much. Birds appear to be scarce, but no doubt when the great growth that covers the fallow land dies down they will be more in evidence.

Mr. J. C. Pettus left Friday for his home in Annapolis.

Mrs. Isabelle Coleman is visiting friends at Stirling.

Miss Nellie Christian has returned from a pleasant visit to New York.

Mrs. R. P. Coleman, of Richmond, is down for a few days, hunting and fishing.

PREACH TO-DAY ON LABOR QUESTION

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, September 2.—Practically every Presbyterian minister in the United States will preach to-morrow on some phase of the labor question as the result of an appeal from the department of church and labor of that denomination, which has its offices in Chicago.

Thousands in other denominations have taken up the question, so that more labor sermons will be heard on Sunday than on any other day in the history of the church.

Cholera in Galicia.

(By Associated Press.)
WEICHSSEL, SILESIA, September 2.—The existence of cholera in two districts of Galicia is confirmed by medical investigation. The local authorities fear a spread of the epidemic, as boatsmen in floats are coming uninterruptedly down the Vistula River from the infected Prussian districts.

REPUBLICANS READY FOR A GREAT FIGHT

Big Rally to Be Held at King George Court-House.

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COLONIAL VA., September 2.—It is now apparent and admitted on all sides that the statement in this correspondence some weeks ago to the effect that the Republicans in this and adjacent counties were, notwithstanding their uncorroborated pretence, organizing as thoroughly as at any time since the days of Mahone, was entirely correct. No one outside of that party knows how and when such fine work of organizing was done, but everybody knows that the party is thoroughly united, determined and hopeful. Their programme seems to be quite elaborate, and includes the opening of the State campaign next Thursday at King George Court-House. A number of the most prominent Republicans in the county are expected to appear. Judge L. L. Lewis, nominee for Governor, will meet at King George Court-House on that day (September 7th), it is planned and see, "shake hands" with and address the people. Mr. K. Lowry, of Stafford, the nominee for Attorney General, will also appear. Mr. Asa Rogers, Internal Revenue collector, will be present. It is said, and make the speech opening the campaign.

The indications are that a crowd almost equal in size to that which met at Martinsville as William Byrd and other distinguished Democrats at King George on that memorable 6th day of July—just two months previous—will greet the Republican candidates and speakers next Thursday.

It was thought by some and said without reservation that M. K. Lowry was the only Republican who could confound to defeat almost any Democratic candidate for the House of Delegates. In King George and Stafford counties, where he recently appointed Internal Revenue collector, the opinion was expressed that, with Lowry out of the way, the Democrats could elect their House candidate this fall.

But Republicans seem to have no doubt of electing their man again by nearly as much majority, they say, as they gave Lowry several times. One thing is certain—the Democrats here will not go to the polls at all, they really exist, and not on guess work. So it can be seen that the Republicans will be able to elect their man to the House of Delegates, unless something can be done to arouse the Democrats and get them to vote. Some who could comply with the requirements of the Constitution and be eligible voters have not done so, because some friend or neighbor has been disenchanted; and some claim to be "sore" on the primary system, and declare that they will not vote this fall. It is upon these conditions that the Republicans in this section of the State base their hopes of success in November.

The farmers here are terribly handicapped by the scarcity and treachery of labor. Some fields of splendid peachy and fodder are going to waste and being lost because labor cannot be had at any price to do farm work just now. Some places have tons of peachy and hundreds and hundreds of bushels of peas are being lost in the fields, and some of the farmers have not saved a bundle of fodder, although they have offered for some time one dollar per day and board to work.

THE CORN CROP.

The Greatest of All Crops and How to Improve It.

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BLICKENBURG, VA., September 2.—That corn can be grown profitably in Virginia is shown by the fact that the value of the crop per acre is \$11.55, whereas in Illinois, for a much larger yield, it is \$11.55. Through systematic cultivation and fertilization, there is a decided profit in sight for our farmers. The selection of a variety and its adaptation to the soil and climatic conditions in which it is grown, will influence the yield. Corn is a crop that grows in all parts of the State, and some of the most remarkable differences. The height varied from 90 to 115 inches, the yield of green stover from 5.80 to 9.90 tons, the yield from 13.90 to 25.07, and the weight of cob from 13.90 to 25.07. The weight of grain and a small per cent. of cob is a matter of vital concern in the improvement of corn. The best type of ear to use is one weighing from 12 to 14 ounces, having from 16 to 24 rows of grain and uniform in size from the base to the tip. The grain should be selected, a smaller type of ear and choose the seed grain only from those stalks containing two ears. 100 grains were selected from 16 samples of corn and weighed, the following results. The heaviest weighed 26 grams, or less than one ounce; the heaviest 52 grams, or almost two ounces. The variation in germination was represented by 53 and 100 per cent. Here, again, the question of individual selection for type, shape, weight and germinating power comes in for consideration.

The permanent improvement of corn depends first on the careful preparation and fertilization of the soil; second, on the selection of a suitable variety; third, on the systematic improvement of this variety, with regard to shape and type of ear, the size, height and character of the stalk and leaf, and the shape, quality and condition of the grain. Any farmer, by making a careful selection from the best individual plants in his field from year to year, can secure a uniform type of ear, which will shell out a higher per cent. of grain, and a flatter type of kernel and possessed of a desirable type of stalk, neither too large nor too small. By attention to these points, the yield of corn on Virginia farms can be increased from five to ten bushels per acre. Surely this is a reward worth striving for.

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Andrew J. Going Shoots Himself Fatally

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LYNCHBURG, VA., September 2.—Andrew J. Going, aged sixty years, living on Dearing Street, this city, shot himself this evening at a late hour with a revolver. He was recovering from a fall from a ladder, and the bullet entered the right side of his abdomen and passed entirely through the body. The wounded man had been out of work, and a recent death in his family, coupled with trouble at home, are ascribed as the reason for the rash act.

Brilliant Light Rose from Sand on Beach

(By Associated Press.)

KITTERY POINT, MAINE, September 2.—A phenomenon, which is attributed by many persons to the recent earthquakes in Maine and New Hampshire, was observed on the beach at Kittery Point, when the tide was half way in, a brilliant white light covering the whole beach rose from the sand to a height of about six inches. At the same time a strong sulphurous odor was emitted from the same locality, it being so offensive that it was necessary to close tightly all doors and windows of the hotel. The light and odor lasted for about two hours, disappearing with the full tide.

Sheldon Wins.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, September 2.—Dr. George H. Sheldon, of Missouri A. C., of St. Louis, won the diving championship of the United States at Travers Island this afternoon. It was one of the greatest competitions ever seen in this country, and after the last dive, it took the judges twenty minutes to decide on the winner. Walter Lee, of the New Jersey Athletic Club, pushed Sheldon hard, but was beaten three points.

Bowls Championship.

(By Associated Press.)

FALL RIVER, MASS., September 2.—The Bowls championship of the United States, together with the cup symbolic of the same to-day, passed from Fall River to Kearney, N. J. The Kearney Bowling Green Club won the trophy match by a score of 59 to 56.

Taft Feted by British Colony

(By Associated Press.)

HONGKONG, September 2.—Secretary of War Taft and his party, included among which is Miss Alice Roosevelt, have arrived here. The party will remain three days.

The Governor of Hongkong, Sir Matthew Nathan, and the British colony are feting the visitors.

The visit of Secretary Taft to Canton has been abandoned owing to the anti-American feeling there, the city being posted with obnoxious placards.

Stainback Dies Without Becoming Conscious

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His Paralysis Due to Excessive Cigarette Smoking.

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WELDON, N. C., September 2.—W. D. Stainback, the young man who was found in a comatose condition near Suffolk, Va., on Wednesday, was brought here this morning at half-past 7 o'clock without having regained consciousness. He was a splendid young man, and for some time was in the service of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

The saddest feature of the case is that he passed down into the valley of the shadow of death and crossed the stream all unconscious of the fact that he was at home; that loving hands pressed his brow, and that sympathetic friends of his boyhood days stood round his bed.

Dr. Green, his family physician, gives it as his opinion that his paralysis was due primarily to an excessive use of cigarettes.

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